



Menifee Police Department MEDIA RELEASE

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MISSING PERSON FOUND DECEASED; NO FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 6, 2020

The Menifee Police Department (MPD) would like to share the following details and timeline regarding a missing person who was found deceased in Menifee. MPD shares its thanks to the community for its efforts to locate the individual and sends its condolences to the family.

September 4, 2020 - At approximately 11:00 AM, the MPD communications center received a call for service regarding a missing person report. The reporting party wanted to report his niece as missing. The missing person was described as an adult female from Florida who was in town visiting family. A missing person report was taken, and the missing person was entered into the Missing and Unidentified Persons System. At the time of the initial report, there were no known critical risk factors.

September 5, 2020 – At approximately 10:00 PM, MPD obtained information that elevated the missing person case to a critical missing persons report. The missing female was reported to have been seen near the residence she was staying at in the 29000 block of High Ridge Circle. Upon learning of the critical risk factors, officers were deployed to search the area. Detectives were also notified to assist with the investigation. Due to the cover of darkness and the rugged terrain, the search efforts were challenging.

September 6, 2020 - At approximately 1:00 AM, a K9 Bloodhound from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was requested to assist with the search. At approximately 2:30 AM, the K9 Bloodhound tracked the missing person's scent from the residence to an area behind the residence where the K9 lost the scent.

Officers also requested the assistance of a helicopter from surrounding jurisdictions as well as the assistance of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team.

At approximately 5:45 AM, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team, including four K9 teams, were briefed on the investigation and then began searching the area for the missing female.

At approximately 6:40 AM, the missing female was found deceased on a ridge behind the 29000 block of High Ridge Circle. Investigators did not observe any signs of foul play. The missing female will be identified by the Riverside County Coroner's Office.

On behalf of Chief Pat Walsh, the Menifee Police Department sends its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased during this tragic time.

MPD knows there was a lot of social media activity related to this case including well wishes and prayers for the family and the safety of the missing female. In true Menifee fashion, there were several residents who offered their assistance by conducting area searches. Although all the outreach and prayers are greatly appreciated, the family has respectfully requested time to grieve and will not be posting anything further at this time.

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